

WEATHER forecast for Kansas: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; somewhat colder Saturday and in the west tonight.

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SIXTY-ONE GIVEN THEIR DIPLOMAS AT AUDITORIUM

High School Graduation Exercises This Evening.

Class of January '16 Consists of 38 Girls and 23 Boys.

ELSIE CARTER VALEDICTORIAN

Has Not Failed in a Single Test in Four Years.

Address Will Be Made by State Superintendent Schools.

Tonight at eight o'clock in the city auditorium sixty-one high school girls and boys will receive their diplomas. As usual the girls outnumber the boys, the proportion this time being 38 to 23.

Miss Elsie Carter is the class valedictorian. Miss Carter has a remarkable scholarship standing having never failed in a single test, although her course of study includes four years of the student's program. Latin, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Carter, of 1302 West Sixteenth street. She attended Clay school and Central Park school.

The Program.
Music—(a) Triumphant March
High School Orchestra
Professional March—Pipes organ
Miss Mildred Hazen
Invocation—Rev. Horace Gordon
Music—(a) La Carline
High School Orchestra
Music—(a) Go Long Mule, Go Long
Boys Glee Club
Address—Dr. C. B. Van Horn
Music—(a) O Lovely Night
Girls Glee Club
Presentation of Diplomas—Dr. C. B. Van Horn
President of Board of Education
The Graduates.
Those who will receive diplomas tonight are:

Raymond R. Adell, Leroy Anderson, Orville Herbert Austin, Reba Hazel Austin, Orin Dean Yo Crie, Herman Binger, Willard W. Bowman, Orta Mas Brain, Doris Eula Burdette, Elsie Carter, Charles E. Frable, Laura May Gates, Mildred Margaret Gillett, Lillian Georgia Gleason, Opal Green, Wynne Eleanor Cameron Goodrich, Frances Edna Grace, Alma Beverly Hare, Genevieve Idolles, Ruth A. Ingham, Elvera E. Johnson, James P. Lindsey, James McCormick, Leola Henrietta McLean, Ethel Lorena Mayberry, Helen Mitchell, Edith Dorothy Sprad, Winona A. Stearns, Marie Evelyn Steele, Claude S. Swenson, Carl Thoren, Marion Van Horn, Dorothy Louise Wahl, Edna Leannus Ware, Charlotte West, Frances Wingard, Ruth Wood, Helen Elizabeth Wright.

BRITAIN'S FLEET READY

Is Unit of Preparedness Awaiting German's North Sea Dash.

Somewhere in the North Sea, via London, Feb. 11.—Great Britain's first line offensive fleet, an incomparable combination of speed and gun power ready for instant action, was inspected yesterday by a party of French and American correspondents, a representative of the Associated Press was permitted to view from the bridge of a torpedo boat the naval unit which is expected to meet the first shock of a German attack.

In the fleet were virtually all the veteran fighting craft which have been in action by both navies. They showed few scars except an occasional dent in their armor. The pride of place was held by battle cruisers which in engagements from the Falkland Isles to the Dardanelles have borne the brunt of the sea fighting.

BOY KILLED BROTHER

Death Was Accidental; Third in Year in Kaspar Family.

Jennings, Kan., Feb. 11.—The third accidental death within a year in the family of Joe Kaspar occurred here when his 10-year-old boy shot and killed his brother, age 7.

About a year ago Mrs. Kaspar, mother of the two boys, fell down the cellar steps at the Kaspar home and died as a result of her injuries. Their grandfather was run down and killed by an automobile last September.

BRIGHT THIS WAY, GENTS, JOIN BALD HEAD CLUB

Winsted, Conn., Feb. 11.—P. Davis (aka) of Hurland, who is not only a congressman, but president of the Bald Head Club of America, is enrolling as members of the organization the bald-headed members of congress, it was learned today by John Rodemeyer of Canaan, founder of the club. Mr. Davis does not intend that any member of congress with a three-inch hair spot on his scalp shall escape enrollment.

Poison Sickens 100 Guests at Church Spread

Chicago, Feb. 11.—More than 100 distinguished persons who suffered from poisoning at the banquet last night at the University club given Archbishop George William Mundelein of the Chicago archdiocese, today have fully recovered. Prompt first aid measures administered by physicians present prevented any after effects.

BOOM FOR HODGES

Kansas Democrats Urge Appointment Former Governor

To Place Made Vacant by Resignation of Garrison.

SUPPORT IS UNSOLICITED

Olathe Man Has Not Indicated Desire for Office.

The Movement Originated in the State House Today.

President Wilson was today urged to appoint George H. Hodges of Olathe, former governor and secretary of the state, as secretary of the state. The movement was started today among state house Democrats, several of whom believe the former governor may be a formidable candidate for the important office. Endorsements were solicited from a number of prominent leaders and a real campaign will be made to land the well known Kansas man in the cabinet. In addition to telegrams to President Wilson, it is probable that members of the Kansas delegation in Washington will be asked to urge the Hodges appointment.

The unexpected resignation of Secretary Garrison gave Kansas Democrats a chance to push the appointment of the former governor for a cabinet position. Hodges was an original Wilson supporter and was for a time strongly considered for a place on the new federal trade commission. Places on the commission carried salaries of \$10,000 a year. Following his term as governor, Hodges indicated that he would like to accept the position of secretary of state. The fact that Senator Thompson swung his support to Henry J. Waters, president of the State Agricultural college, gave the Kansas delegation and probably prevented the state's receiving recognition on the commission.

Telegrams Are Sent.

Hodges has not indicated that he is in any manner a candidate for the big job held by Secretary Garrison, former U. S. senator and governor of the state, however, have sent a number of telegrams urging the appointment.

One telegram today was signed by W. E. Brooks, chairman and Stacey Myers, treasurer, of the state board of control; Senator J. W. Howe, Allen C. Foley, member of the public utilities commission, and W. E. Hodges, former state commissioner. The telegram read:

"Many Kansas Democrats would be pleased to have you appoint George H. Hodges, former governor and secretary of war. Unquestionably he would make an excellent secretary."

GERMANS GOT MONEY

Swiss Find Federal Insurance Fund Is Now in War Bonds.

Paris, Feb. 11.—A Geneva dispatch to the Journal says public opinion in Switzerland is deeply moved by the revelation that responsible officials of the federal insurance directorate transferred all the federal insurance funds, with the exception of six hundred thousand francs in German bonds and stocks since the war began.

This discovery, the dispatch says, was made by the board of auditors of the federal council during the periodical examination of the insurance records.

The Swiss federal council in 1911 passed the federal insurance law for the purpose of which several million francs were appropriated. The Swiss law alluded to was in two parts, the first providing for insurance against illness and the second for insurance against accident, which involved the establishment of an annual fund of 5,000,000 francs.

Opposition was made to the second part of the measure on the ground that so large an appropriation would endanger the national treasury and that it was a doubtful adventure for the state to undertake a form of business which had previously been regarded as the proper domain of private companies. Both parts of the law were finally adopted by 250-000 against 220,000 on the referendum vote by the Swiss people.

CHAINED UP 6 MONTHS

Convict Who Attacked Leo Frank to Move to Solitary Cell.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 11.—Chained to the concrete "slipping post" at the state prison at Milledgeville ever since he made his murderous attack upon Leo M. Frank, William Green will soon be released and put in a solitary cell.

The prisoner has been fastened to this post now for more than six months after his attack upon Frank, which stirred the country. The prison authorities were obliged to take steps to prevent him making attacks upon other prisoners.

SANTA FE WILL BUILD ADDITION TOPEKA SHOPS

Railway Appropriates \$70,000 for New Buildings.

Machinery for Construction of Heavy Steel Forgings.

NEW MACHINE IS IN PLACE

It Weighs 150 Tons and Cost \$15,000 Set Up.

Largest Used in Any Railway Shop in the Country.

Plans have been completed by the Santa Fe for the erection of a 162-foot addition to the present blacksmith shops in Topeka. The new structure will be added to the north side of the old building and when equipped will cost \$70,000. It will conform to the present shop in construction and appearance. The frame work will be of heavy steel, the walls of brick and the roof of red tile.

The new shop will be devoted exclusively to the making of heavy forgings and will contain besides five large steam hammers, a forging machine, said to be the largest used in any railway shop in the country.

The machine which will cost \$15,000 when set up is already on the ground and has been placed in the building. It is thirty feet long, fifteen feet wide and twelve feet high and weighs approximately 150 tons. A special car used for shipping guns was chartered to transport the machine to Topeka.

The new "six-inch" forging machine will be used principally to reclaim material that is now finding its way into the Kansas delegation in Washington will be asked to urge the Hodges appointment.

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FIND MAN'S TRACK

Associate This With School Girl's Death in Woods.

Coroner's Autopsy Reveals Poison Has Fatal Effect.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—An autopsy performed late last night by the coroner's physician on the body of Miss Marion Frances Lambert, the 18-year-old high school student which was found last night in a wooded area of Lake Forest, Ill., revealed that she had died of poison.

A statement issued by the coroner today said that enough poison had been found in the girl's stomach to cause death. The nature of the poison has not been determined. Detectives today continued their efforts to find the man who accompanied Miss Lambert to the spot where she was found.

Peace officers have been unable to find anything that might have been a motive to support either murder or suicide theory.

MOHR HAD BIG PRACTICE

Slain Doctor's Receipts for Last Eight Months Were \$23,000.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 11.—The extensive practice of the late Dr. Charles Franklin Mohr, netted him \$23,225.88 from January 1, 1915, to August 31, 1915, when he was ambushed and mortally shot in Washington road, Barrington, while on his way to his Middletown estate with Miss Emily G. Burger, who was also shot and seriously injured.

An examination of the only two books in existence, a "red book" containing entries for 1914, and a "black book" containing the receipts for 1915, H. Hodges, former state commissioner, transferred all the federal insurance funds, with the exception of six hundred thousand francs in German bonds and stocks since the war began.

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Melts Bravado of Holdup Gang by Stork Plea

Chicago, Feb. 11.—Although they took \$40, his watch and his gun, the holdup gang that today returned to Dr. A. H. Levi's hospital building containing surgical instruments when he explained he was on a hurry call to the bedside of an expectant mother.

"All right then, go ahead," said the leader of the bandits. "We wish the mother and the child good luck."

Pennsylvania Sells Gallows For Kindling

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 11.—Danphin county had difficulty getting rid of its discarded gallows, useless since Pennsylvania has abolished the electrocution for capital punishment. Finally a colored kindling wood dealer who wasn't superstitious paid 50 cents for it.

IS SURE OF COAL

Certain Congress Will Adopt New Tariff Board.

Neither Protection nor Free Trade Interest Him.

KEEP WAR AT ARM'S LENGTH

But No Assurance That Flame Won't Reach Us.

With Peace, Infinite Prosperity Is With Us.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Delegates to the annual convention of the chamber of commerce of the United States left for their homes today carrying with them a message from President Wilson. The outstanding feature was his determination to keep the United States out of the European conflict although he declared that the nation merely held that trouble at arm's length.

The president was speaking on neutrality at the annual banquet of the chamber, which was a concluding feature of a three days' convention. The president also spoke of the need of a real scientific tariff board and a merchant marine.

"It is a cruel thing," said the president, "to have it supposed, as it is in many quarters, that we have kept out of the war simply because we wanted to keep out of trouble and simply because we wanted to profit by the trouble of others, and yet misunderstandings for the joint deliberation of the question. The English, however, unofficially have expressed themselves unalterably opposed to any suggestion that would put their merchantmen at the mercy of the submarines. In informal statements, high officials of the British government have indicated their belief that England and her allies would never consent to this."

Despite this known opposition, it was admitted that the state department today one of the effects of the Teutonic decree will be announced that this government will abandon its reciprocal policy of ruling regarding armed merchantmen, even in the event it is known a few German commerce raiders are at large on the high seas.

LIVED NOT IN VAIN

Death Comes to Woman 50 Years Bedridden.

Helpless Mollie Fancher Gained Wide Reputation.

New York, Feb. 11.—Miss Mollie Fancher, who celebrated her "Golden Jubilee" as an invalid eight days ago died today at her home in Brooklyn. Miss Fancher was known to thousands of people all over the world through the extraordinary correspondence she built up a total of 6,000 letters. During the fifty years of her imprisonment in a sick room Miss Fancher's chief nourishment was the juice of fruits.

In 1866, when Miss Fancher was 16 years old and noted for her beauty, she was thrown from her horse and terribly injured. A year later she was the victim of a street car accident which deprived her of the use of all her limbs except her right arm.

For nine years she remained in a truce-like condition during which period her friends insisted she was a clairvoyant. It was in these years that she built up her correspondence, dictating a total of 6,000 letters. During the fifty years of her imprisonment in a sick room Miss Fancher's chief nourishment was the juice of fruits.

THREATEN TO STRIKE

Immediate Walkout of Clover Leaf Telegraphers Is Ultimatum.

Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 11.—A strike of all train dispatchers and telegraphers on the Clover Leaf railroad is threatened within a few hours, unless the road settles differences with members of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. The strike, it is said, would include many of the road's agents as well as its employees.

A readjustment of wages to conform with the scale of other roads is demanded. The general organization, comprising 50,000 men, is back of the Clover Leaf men, it is said.

HEARS FROM BUNCH

Neural Conference Holds First Session; Wires Henry Gretings.

Stockholm, Feb. 11.—The neural conference for continuous mediation, the outgrowth of the Henry Ford peace expedition, held its first regular meeting today in the city of Stockholm.

The conference was addressed by its chairman, Mayor Carl Lindhagen of Stockholm, who reviewed the work accomplished and voiced the hope of future accomplishments in the cause of peace.

A message of greeting was cabled to Henry Ford by the conference. Louis P. Lochner of Chicago was elected general secretary.

U. S. BOWS TO GERMAN EDICT ON SUBMARINES

Will Issue Order Not to Travel on Armed Liners.

Believe Teutonic Nations Acting Within Rights.

SETTLES COMPLICATED CASE

Former Absence of Any Ruling Left Matter Open.

British Expected to Protest Against U. S. Stand.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The United States, it was stated on the highest authority today, cannot protest the announced sea policy of the Teutonic powers to sink armed merchantmen without warning.

That this government, believing the Teutonic nations to be within their rights in this respect, shortly will issue a warning to all its nationals not to travel on belligerent ships that carry guns of any kind, seems certain.

This position must be taken, many officials declared today. If America's attitude is to continue to be logically followed out. The American attitude regarding arming of merchantmen, it became known for the first time today, was clearly set forth in the informal suggestion it recently made to the British government concerning the "absence of conditions now which in earlier times was the excuse for arming of merchantmen."

How About Privates? These reasons were, presence of privates and pirates on the high seas.

None of the powers addressed, Secretary Lansing said today, have replied to those suggestions. He said he assumed their delay was caused by obvious reasons. The English, however, unofficially have expressed themselves unalterably opposed to any suggestion that would put their merchantmen at the mercy of the submarines. In informal statements, high officials of the British government have indicated their belief that England and her allies would never consent to this."

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PUPIL FIRED SHOT FIRE 82 MIDDIES

That Is Defense of Instructor Secretary Daniels Indorses Charged With Murder.

Academy Board Order.

Need Men Badly, but Won't Curtail Qualifications.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Secretary Daniels today approved the recommendations of the Academy board at the naval academy dismissing 82 midshipmen for failure in their studies. Their names may be made public later.

Of those dismissed three are of the first class, 19 of the second, 20 of the third and 40 of the fourth class. Secretary Daniels said that while the navy needed more officers, only those who could meet the high standards and qualify by the examination, could be retained.

The secretary expressed regret that the 82 students had been found "unsatisfactory in such degree as does not justify the hope of their graduation and training as officers in the navy."

RAILROADS IN PROTEST

Officials of Missouri Lines Before State Service Commission Today.

Jefferson City, Feb. 11.—Traffic officials of a majority of Missouri railroads today appeared before the state public service commission here today for a conference on the question of joint rates, schedules of which should have been filed by the roads on January 29 last.

The commission recently ruled that railroads must charge the same rate for hauling freight to its destination over two or more lines as is charged for shipments over one line plus an arbitrary rate fixed by the commission to cover the expense of transfer. The railroads have protested the decision.

Major Dies of Blood Poison

Oswego, N. Y., Feb. 11.—Major James E. Normoy, Third United States Infantry, in command of Fort Ontario here, died today of blood poisoning. He was born in Michigan in 1866 and served in Porto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines. He will be buried in Arlington national cemetery, Washington.

Thank God for Enemies, Says "Suff" Leader

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 11.—"The anti-suffragist is an instrument of God to speed the doctrine of suffrage and democracy in America," declared Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National Equal Suffrage league here today in a speech before the St. Louis Equal Suffrage league here last night.

The executive board decided to organize suffrage clubs in the home towns of every Missouri congressman, "as a counter-attraction to the women's mean business." The 1916 state convention will be at Springfield, Mo., next May.

ATHLETE HIT BY TRAIN

Star Football Player's Leg Amputated—Recovery Is Doubtful.

Fulton, Mo., Feb. 11.—Paul Williams, 19 years old, a member of the 1915 football team of Westminster college, was probably fatally injured here last night by being run over by a passenger engine. Williams' left leg was so badly crushed that amputation was necessary. Williams was one of the main stays in the athletics of the college and his presence will be missed in coming athletic events.

LEAVES WILSON IN TIMES OF STRESS



Lindley M. Garrison, Who Startles the United States With His Sudden Resignation as War Secretary of President Wilson's Cabinet.

DISPUTE WITH WILSON CAUSE OF RESIGNATION

So Secretary of War Garrison Quit Impromptu.

President Wanted to Compromise Army Plan.

NO SUCCESSOR IN SIGHT YET

Assistant Secretary Also Deserts Administration.

Woodrow Will Continue to Pilot Preparedness Plan.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Secretary Garrison has resigned from the cabinet because President Wilson declined to insist without compromise upon the adoption of the continental army plan by congress.

The resignation was tendered and accepted yesterday and with Mr. Garrison, the assistant secretary of war, Henry C. Breckinridge, left the service of the government.

Today the president finds himself personally in charge of the administration's plans for strengthening the army and working out a definite military policy. He has not selected a successor to Mr. Garrison and it is regarded as probable that even after the new head of the war department is named, the president, who has made a careful study of the problem, will continue to handle the preparedness plans to a great extent himself. The reasons for Secretary Garrison's resignation and its acceptance by the president are disclosed in lengthy correspondence made public between them.

Extensive Correspondence. The correspondence revealed that while the secretary left the cabinet principally because the president would not "irrevocably" support the continental army plan, his opposition to the administration's program for setting a definite time for Filipino independence, as outlined in Senator Clarke's amendment to the Philippine bill was an important factor.

Secretary Garrison contended that only a federal continental army, in which the administration's program could be the main military dependence of the country, while the president contended that no one plan could be adopted. The president, who was urged by two contentions that the break between the president and the secretary of war was irreparable, resigned. Major General Scott, chief of staff of the army, automatically became secretary of the war.

Prospects for Successor. There was considerable speculation here today over a possible successor to Secretary Garrison. Those talked of most prominently were Secretary of the Interior, C. E. Smith, and Representative Sherley of Kentucky, chairman of the house foreign affairs committee.

IT THAWED ALL NIGHT

Temperature Stayed Above 32 for First Time in Nearly 3 Weeks.

For the first time in 15 nights the mercury stayed above freezing all night. The lowest reading of the 24 hours occurred at midnight when the mercury stood at 32.2 degrees. This is 13 degrees above normal for this date and brings the weather near to the spring variety. The wind is in the southwest and the sun is shining. The temperature rose rather sluggishly. More warm weather is expected for the week-end.

The forecast for the early cloudy tonight and Saturday; somewhat colder Sunday and in the western part of the state tonight. A temperature of about 25 is the prediction for tonight at Topeka. The forecast indicates temperatures of 26 degrees for 24-hour periods north and west and south, above freezing.

It was during this time of the year in the past that local weather men. On this date in 1899, said Mr. Flora, the lowest temperature ever recorded was reached with a reading of 25 below zero. The highest reading was just one year ago today. On that day the mercury reached 85 degrees.

The Kaw river is still falling slowly, the stage this morning being 6.4 feet, one-tenth lower than on Thursday morning. The ice and snow on the ground is melting rapidly, but this does not affect the river. Heavy rains are required to cause trouble in that direction, according to previous records.

Temperatures today averaged 9 degrees above normal. The wind blew from the southeast all day. Following are hourly temperature readings for Topeka:

7 o'clock	34	11 o'clock	37
8 o'clock	34	12 o'clock	38
9 o'clock	36	1 o'clock	41
10 o'clock	36	2 o'clock	41

SEND URGENT MESSAGE TO KANSAS MEN IN CONGRESS

Declare Senate Act Contrary to Tribal Demand.

Arkansas City, Kan., Feb. 11.—Prominent members of the Osage tribe of this city today sent a strong protest to congressmen and senators of Kansas and Oklahoma at Washington, asking them to take immediate steps to investigate the affairs of the Osage tribe of Indians, as they are concerned in the Burnside oil leases.

They also asked a probe of the influence behind the legislation passed by the senate last year which allowed an extension of the Burnside oil leases contrary to the recommendation of the Osage tribal council and the department of the interior.

FOR "WRITING HIM UP"

New York Magistrate Sues Novelist's Publishers for \$200,000 Damages.

New York, Feb. 11.—City Magistrate Corrigan believes that George Bromson Howard, novelist, "wrote him up" in the novel entitled "God's Man." Because this written appears to reflect upon the reputation of Magistrate Corrigan, he has filed a supreme court action for \$200,000 damages against the Bobbs-Merrill company, publishers of the book.

In a complaint filed today, Magistrate Corrigan alleges the novelist included in the novel a description of a city magistrate and the court proceedings before him which caricatured the plaintiff to his injury.

STRAUSS GIVES \$350,000 FOR POLAND JEWS' RELIEF

Long Beach, Cal., Feb. 11.—Announcement was made today that Nathan Strauss, the philanthropist, and Mrs. Strauss have contributed \$350,000 to the relief of the Jews in Poland since they call to mind the suffering they are undergoing in southern California. The money is to be handled through the Cooper union of New York it is said.